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**FREEDOM AMENDMENT**

Washington, D.C., March 24 -- The National Clergy Council, a network of 5000 Catholic, Evangelical, Orthodox, and Protestant church leaders, religious journalists, and heads of various religious organizations, will support the Religious Freedom Amendment proposed by Rep. Ernest Istook (R-OK).

"This is not a perfect solution, but it is the step in the right direction that we need to return America to its religious roots and protect people of faith from suffering discrimination," said the Rev. Robert Schenck, general secretary to the group.

Mr. Schenck said he would like more conversation about exact language before the Amendment is finalized, but said that he and his group would support it as it stands now.

Mr. Schenck is available for comment.

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